Du`aa

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"WHEN MY SERVANTS ASK YOU CONCERNING ME,
I AM INDEED CLOSE (TO THEM),
I LISTEN TO THE PRAYER OF EVERY SUPPLICANT WHEN HE CALLS ON ME…"

[SURAH[1] BAQARAH[2] 2 : 186]

[1] *Surah* : A chapter of the Holy Qur`aan.
[2] *Baqarah* : The Heifer [The name of a chapter of the Holy Qur`aan]

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FOREWORD

ALL PRAISE IS DUE TO ALLAH[4] TA'ALA, THE FORGIVER AND CONCEALER OF FAULTS, THE GUIDE TO REPENTANCE, THE ONE WHO RESPONDS TO PRAYERS.
'SALAAT AND SALAAM UPON THE PROTECTOR AND GUIDE OF THE BELIEVERS, SAYYEDENA[5] MUHAMMAD ♏, ETERNALLY.

This booklet is a transcription of comprehensive duas taken from the tapes of Hazrat[6] Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb's *(Mudda Zilluhu)*[7] programmes. …Its publication is due to correction of a du'aa which was printed by an anonymous person, as the du'aa of Hazrat Maulana.

Due to the errors therein and due to the fact that the du'aa was not presented in the true, beautiful, noble and distinguished style of Hazrat Maulana's duas, this humble servant decided to present this booklet of comprehensive duas for those who make du'aa in English.

…Whilst just a reading of Hazrat Maulana's du'aa teaches one the manner of begging from Allah Ta'ala, Hazrat's sincere and deep-hearted duas also brings about a transformation and a reformation within the heart.

Of course, Hazrat Maulana repeatedly mentions that the best of duas are the duas of Rasulullah ♏, which cover and encompass every need of every person. In fact, the duas of Rasulullah ♏ should form part of our daily supplications.

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[3] ♋ :: In the Name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.
[4] *Allah* : The name of the Creator of the Universe.
[5] *Sayyedena* : Our Leader
[6] *Hazrat* : 'The Respected' (A title used when addressing a religious luminary).
[7] *Mudda Zilluhu* : meaning, May he live long.

…On occasions of auspicious nights, Eid, ‘Umrah and Haj, or when in Madina Sharief, Maulana’s duas have extended to almost ¾ of an hour…so beg from Allah Ta’ala[8] as much as you can, for Allah Ta’ala is willing to accept our duas.

Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb (mz) is the mentor and preceptor of many throughout the world, including myself. …Allah Ta’ala has gifted Hazrat with a unique manner of presenting Islam; in its beauty, perfection, purity and simplicity.

Alhamdulillah[9], Muslims, all over the world, are benefiting tremendously from the talks, books, tapes and Malfoozaat[10] of Hazrat Maulana. So many have sincerely repented of sins that they were habituated to, and have become pious and sincere believers and worshippers of Allah Ta’ala, as well as devoted followers to the way of life of Rasulullah ﷺ.

May Allah Ta’ala grant acceptance to the humble effort made. May He make this book purely and solely for His Pleasure. May He make it a means of taubah, guidance and inspiration to all readers, and may He make it a *Sadaqa-e-Jaariyah* (perpetual reward) for my Sheikh[11], as well as for myself and all those who assisted in its publication. …May Allah Ta’ala grant the ability to do what He loves and what He is pleased with – in word, deed and intention.

May Allah Ta’ala grant Hazrat Maulana long life and the best of health and well being to continue with his exceptional services to Deen[12]. *(Aameen[13])*

a thorn from a rose garden
[Ramadaan 1423]

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[8] *Allah Ta’ala* : Allah, The Exalted
[9] *Alhamdulillah* : All praise is due to Allah
[10] *Malfoozaat* : Wise and perceptive utterances and statements.
[11] *Sheikh* : Spiritual mentor and guide
[12] *Deen* : religion
[13] *Aameen* : May Allah accept it.

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NB.: Do not touch the Arabic script of the Ayaah (verses) of the Qur`aan Sharief if not in a state of Taharat (cleanliness) – i.e. Wudhu, or Ghusl (if required). You can touch the translation.

"Anyone amongst you whose doors of Dua[14] have opened, in reality the doors of blessings have opened for him. …"

"Dua is the weapon of a Believer, the pillar of Deen and the noor of the heavens and earth."

[AHADITH[15]]

[14] *Dua* : Supplication (Asking of Allah Ta'ala)
[15] *Ahadith* : Sayings of the Noble Prophet ♏ .

THE DU'AA OF THE AULIYA ALLAH...

Maulana Jalaluddeen Rumi (*Rahmatullah 'alaih*) has very beautifully described the duas and tears of his great Sheikh, Hazrat Shamsuddeen Tabrezi (*Rahmatullah 'alaih*) in his acclaimed composition, *The Mathnavi*. He says therein:

"…Listen to the tears of the Auliya Allah[16]. When my Spiritual guide, Hazrat Shamsuddeen Tabrezi cries, the effect of his sincerity and his pain causes the very heavens to also cry. And when my Sheikh cries out of his Great Divine Love, the very heavenly bodies tremble and shake. And our Shams Tabrezi prays in such humility and with such earnestness that the grace of Allah comes towards such a broken heart which lays its complaints before Him, and grants it the honour of Divine acceptance."

Dear reader, if you have had the privilege of listening to the Du'aa of Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb (*Daamat Barakaatuhum*), you too will attest to the above description of Maulana Jalaluddeen Rumi (*Rahmatullah 'alaih*). The same will be said.

The following Du'aa of Hazrat Maulana should be made to Allah Ta'ala in the heart-rending, inspiring, and affecting manner that it should be read, for it to be truly appreciated.

(Compiler)

[16] *Auliya Allah* : Friends of Allah

DU'AA OF
HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (MZ)

All Praise is due to Allah Ta'ala,
The Most Beneficent, The Most Merciful.

'Salaat and Salaam be upon our beloved Master,
the Rasul and Beloved of Allah Ta'ala, the Seal of all
Prophets and Mercy unto the Worlds -
Sayyedena Muhammad ﷺ.

- **O ALLAH**, bestow mercy and blessings upon our beloved Rasul, Sayyedena Muhammad and upon his family, his companions, his children, his wives, and his offspring, his followers and everyone from amongst his Ummat.
- **O MOST MERCIFUL** of all those who show mercy. O the Helper of those who ask for help. O our Sustainer, who is most Generous. O The Most Forgiving.
- **O EVER-LIVING AND EVER-SUSTAINING**, we beseech You for help, through Your Mercy.
- There is none worthy of worship beside Allah, the Most Tolerant, Most Generous. Glory be to Allah, Lord of the Great Throne (*Arsh*). All praise is due to Allah, the Sustainer of the worlds. O Allah, we do seek all causes of the grant of Your Mercy and (we do seek) actions which will make certain Your Forgiveness, a full share of virtuous deeds and complete

safety from sin. O Allah, let not a single sin of ours be left out from being forgiven; remove all our worries, and fulfil every need of ours which conforms to Your pleasure, O Most Merciful of all those who show Mercy.[17]

- **O OUR SUSTAINER**, we have wronged our souls. If You do not forgive us and bestow upon us Your Mercy, then we shall certainly be from amongst the losers.[18]
- **O ALLAH**, forgive our sins.
- **O ALLAH**, overlook our sins.
- **O ALLAH**, conceal our sins.
- **O MY ALLAH**, how loving You are; how caring You are; how beautiful You are…
- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, O my Raheem[19] Allah, O my Kareem[20] Allah, O my Haleem[21] Allah, O my Most Forgiving Allah, O my Most Loving, Caring Allah, O my most Compassionate Allah…
- **...O ALLAH**, we are unable to praise You as we should. You are as You have praised Yourself.

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[17] A dua taught by the Prophet ﷺ, to be recited for the fulfilment of one's needs. It is the Sunnah dua for *Salaatul Haajaat* [2 rakaats (cycles) of Prayer read before requesting the fulfilment of any need]

[18] [Surah A'raaf 7 : 23]

[19] *Raheem* : 'THE MOST MERCIFUL'.

[20] *Kareem* : 'THE GENEROUS'

[21] *Haleem* : 'THE TOLERANT'.

[These are from the *Asmaa'ul Husna* (Beautiful Names) of Allah Ta'ala.]

- **O ALLAH**, You dearly love the forgiveness of the sins of the sinners, when they turn towards You in repentance.
- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, we are extending these hands of ours.
- **...O MY ALLAH**, they are the begging bowls which You have attached to our bodies, so that we may extend them before You during any part of the day and night, and seek from You.
- **O ALLAH**, we are extending our begging bowls before You.
- **O ALLAH**, we are not extending these hands before an idol which cannot see, which cannot hear and which cannot avail us in anything. O Allah, our hands are extended before You, and You are All Seeing, All Hearing, All Knowing, All-Powerful…
- **O ALLAH**, You are the One who responds to the duas of Your servants.

SEEKING FORGIVENESS

- **O MY ALLAH**, have mercy upon us. We are extremely sinful servants. Day and Night, we have disobeyed You. We have used Your bounties and gifts for Your disobedience.

- **O ALLAH**, we use the wealth that You have given, for Your disobedience.
- **O ALLAH**, we have used the sight, the hearing and the speech that You have blessed us with, for Your disobedience.
- **...O ALLAH**, we have used the life which You have blessed us with, for Your disobedience.
- **O ALLAH**, when we go to hospitals, we see some people paralyzed and some attached to different tubes and machines …yet **O MY ALLAH**, we do not take any lesson. We do not appreciate Your bounties.
- **O ALLAH**, Your bounties rain upon us 24 hours of the day.
- **O ALLAH**, despite our sins, You are giving us so much to eat and so much to drink; You are giving us clothes to wear and modes of transport to travel in.
- **O ALLAH**, You provide food, clothing and shelter for us.
- **O ALLAH**, our lives are in Your Control.
- **O ALLAH**, You keep our hearts, our kidneys, our livers, our lungs and our limbs functioning.
- **O ALLAH**, You have granted us Imaan[22], without any sacrifice, and yet we show no appreciation.

[22] *Imaan* : faith / belief

- **O ALLAH**, in spite of our ungratefulness, in spite of our disobedience and sins, You continue to shower Your Bounties and Favours upon us.
- …If there was another Allah, He would have destroyed us by now; He would have shaken the earth beneath our feet; He would have ordered the earth to swallow us; He would have sent the wind to destroy us; He would have made us blind by now; He would have made us deaf and dumb by now; He would have paralyzed us by now …for we have indulged in so many sins.
- … Although we know, O Allah, that for some people blindness, deafness, dumbness, paralysis and illnesses are tests and means of elevation of status, but O Allah, how difficult life would have become without these bounties. …O Allah, how Merciful You are, that You did not snatch away these gifts and You did not destroy us.
- **O ALLAH**, as great as is Your beautiful name, forgive us.
- **O ALLAH**, open the floodgates of Your Rahmat[23] and Forgiveness.
- **O ALLAH**, if we have to ask, repeatedly, of human beings, they become annoyed, angry and displeased.

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[23] *Rahmat* : Mercy

- **O ALLAH**, if we have to ask of You, then You become happy and pleased. …The more we beg of You, the more pleased You become.
- **O ALLAH**, if we don't ask of You, then You become displeased.
- **O ALLAH**, it is not a shame; rather an honour and privilege to beg of You.
- **…O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, the pious and the righteous come to You with their Ibaadat[24], with their tilawat[25] and zikr[26], with their piety and their good deeds.
- **O ALLAH**, we come to You with our sins.
- **O ALLAH**, our sins are like the mountains, but O Allah, we cannot despair of Your Mercy, for You have declared in the Qur`aan Sharief : *'Do not despair of the Mercy of Allah…'.*[27]
- **O ALLAH**, man has made dynamite sticks, which blow up huge mountains…
- **O ALLAH**, …What is it difficult for You to blow away our mountains of sins?[28]

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[24] *Ibaadat* : worship
[25] *tilawat* : recitation (of the Holy Qur`aan)
[26] *zikr* : remembrance (of Allah Ta'ala)
[27] Allah Ta'ala says in the noble Qur`aan : ***"Say : 'O My Slaves who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! DO NOT DESPAIR OF THE MERCY OF ALLAH, Verily Allah forgives all sins. Truly He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."*** *[Surah Zumar 39 : 53]*
[28] Nothing is difficult for Allah Ta'ala.

- **O ALLAH**, forgive our sins.
- **O ALLAH**, we have made our hearts into dirt bins.
- **O ALLAH**, we have filled our hearts with malice, with greed, with pride, with arrogance, with evil desires and passions…
- **O ALLAH**, evil desires and passions have engulfed our hearts.
- **O ALLAH**, we watch so much of Haraam[29], we listen to so much of Haraam, we speak so much of Haraam, we indulge in so much of Haraam that our hearts have become dark and pitch black.
- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, a guest would not like to stay in a room in which there are dead bodies, dead cats and dead rats…

…Then **O MY ALLAH**, how can You, Pure as You are, come into hearts like ours; filled with the filth of pride, jealousy, malice, greed and other corpses ?

…But **O ALLAH**, who is there to purify our hearts, beside You?[30]

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[29] *Haraam* : Unlawful according to Shariah.

[30] Allah Ta'ala says in the Noble Qur`aan : **'…AND WERE IT NOT FOR THE GRACE AND MERCY OF ALLAH ON YOU, NOT ONE OF YOU WOULD EVER HAVE BEEN PURE…'** *[Surah An-Noor 24 : 21]*

- **O ALLAH**, if the world's waste goes into the waters of the oceans, the oceans still remain clean. …One wave is sufficient to keep everything clean.

- **O ALLAH**, when we make wudhu[31] with the waters of the oceans, our wudhu is valid; if we have to take ghusl[32], then that ghusl will be valid.

- **O ALLAH**, Your ocean of Forgiveness is much, much, more than the oceans of this world. Just one drop from the ocean of Your Forgiveness is sufficient to wash away all our sins.

- **O MY ALLAH**, with one wave of Your Mercy, with one wave of Your Forgiveness – clean and purify us.

- **O ALLAH**, even if our sins are more than the waves of the oceans, even if our sins are more than the grains of sand on earth, even if our sins are more than the leaves of the trees of the earth, even if our sins are more than the entire creation put together, then too Your Forgiveness is much, much, more than this.

- **O THE MERCIFUL**, have mercy upon us.

- **O THE FORGIVING**, forgive us.

- **O ALLAH**, even if some dry crumbs are thrown at a dog, that dog becomes obedient to that master. …That dog does not leave the door of its master.

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[31] *Wudhu* : ablution
[32] *Ghusl* : Washing the entire body in the Sunnah manner.

- **O ALLAH**, we have left Your door despite using so many of Your bounties and gifts – Our sight, our hearing, our speech, our intelligence are all ne'mats[33] from You…[34]

- **O ALLAH**, we have realized our mistake.

- **O ALLAH**, we have realized our error and our sin.

- **O ALLAH**, now we are turning towards You…

- **O ALLAH**, there is nothing else that makes us extend our hands, except that we are hopeful of Your Forgiveness.

- **O MY ALLAH**, Your beloved Nabi ﷺ has informed us that something that is beloved to You, is the forgiveness of the sins of the sinners.

- **O ALLAH**, You are Oft Forgiving, Merciful, You love to forgive, so forgive us.[35]

- **O ALLAH**, we are acknowledging and we are confessing before You. We are not justifying our sins.

- **O MY ALLAH**, we may be sinful; we may be extremely sinful, but O Allah, we are Your servants. We are Your slaves.

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[33] *ne'mats* : bounties

[34] Allah Ta'ala says in the Noble Qur`aan : **"…AND IF YOU COUNT THE BLESSINGS OF ALLAH, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ENUMERATE THEM…"**
[Surah Ibraheem 14 : 34]

[35] Special attention has been drawn, from the Ahadith (narrations), to this recitation during *Laylatul Qadr* (The Night of Power).

- **O MY ALLAH**, whether we go east or west, whether we go north or south, whether we go deep down in the oceans or above the heavens, it is all Your Kingdom.

- **O ALLAH**, we are repeatedly asking and begging of You; for there is no other door except Your door.

- **O ALLAH**, if we leave You, where do we go ? …Who else is there for us, except You ?

- **O ALLAH**, if we are going to become impatient and angry; if we are going to become displeased; if we are going to leave Your door, then O my Allah, which other door is there for us…?

- **O ALLAH**, You are our *Rabb*[36]*;* You are our *Khaliq* (Creator), You are our *Maalik* (Master), You are our *Razzaaq* (Sustainer)…

- **O ALLAH**, if a dog is kicked from one butcher, it can go to another. If a beggar is chased from one home, he can go to another. …But O Allah, if You reject us, then where do we go ? …**O ALLAH**, there is no one for us except You.

- **O ALLAH**, don't turn away Your glance of Mercy because of our sins.

[36] *Rabb* : Sustainer / Nourisher

- **O ALLAH**, if You turn away Your glance of Mercy, then there is nothing for us but destruction in this world, destruction in the Qabr[37] and destruction in the Aakhirah[38].

- **O ALLAH**, forgive the sins of our eyes; forgive the sins of our ears; forgive the sins of our tongues; forgive the sins of our hands and feet; forgive the sins of our hearts and minds…

- **O ALLAH**, forgive each and every sin that we have committed.

- **O ALLAH**, one major sin that we have committed is that we have stopped inviting towards good and we have stopped preventing people from doing that which is Haraam.

- **O ALLAH**, instead, we invite others to Haraam and we prevent them from doing good. O Allah, we consider evil deeds as good and we consider good deeds as evil.

- **O ALLAH**, we do not want to go alone to Jahannum[39], so we pull others along with us. We invite them to zina[40], to drugs, to drink, to the rave clubs, to porn, to music, to casinos and to everything Haraam.

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[37] *Qabr* : Grave
[38] *Aakhirah* : Hereafter
[39] *Jahannum* : Hell
[40] *zina* : fornication / adultery

- **O MY ALLAH**, give us the realization that we are paving the way to our destruction and the destruction of others.
- **O MY ALLAH**, give each and every one of us the taufeeq[41] of making *'Amr bil Ma'roof and Nahy anil munkar'*[42] – within our homes, amongst our families, in our societies, and calling – one and all – towards the Deen[43] of Islam.
- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, forgive our major sins and our minor sins; forgive the sins which we committed knowingly or unknowingly, in the light of day or darkness of night.
- **O ALLAH**, there is no such thing as darkness for You. …Even if there is a tiny, little black ant crawling on a black rock, in the darkest of the darkest of nights, You are aware of the movements of that ant.
- **O ALLAH**, we were deceiving ourselves. …We were fooling ourselves if we thought that no one was watching when we were indulging in sins.[44]
- **O ALLAH**, do not seize us on account of our sins. Do not punish us on account of our sins.

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41 *taufeeq* : Divine assistance.

42 *'Amr bil Ma'roof and nahy anil munkar'* : The enjoining of what is good and the forbidding of what is evil.

43 *Deen* : religion

44 Allah Ta'ala states in the Qur`aan Sharief : **'VERILY YOUR LORD IS EVER-WATCHFUL (OVER THEM).'** *[Surah Al-Fajr 89 : 14]* …Each and everyone of us is within Allah Ta'ala's Infinite Surveillance of Sight, Hearing and Knowledge, 24 hours of day and night. Allah Ta'ala is *Baseer* (The All-Seeing), *Samee'* (The All-Hearing), *'Aleem* (The All- Knowing), *'Khabeer'* (The One who is Aware).

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of sincere taubah[45].

- **O ALLAH**, from the time we have become of age till now, many, many were the sins we committed. O Allah, You could have seized us the moment we committed sins, but how Kind, Merciful and Tolerant You are that You did not seize us.

- **O ALLAH**, forgive each and every one of us. Forgive our parents, our wives and children, our brothers and sisters, our family members and the entire Ummah[46] of Rasulullah[47] ♏[48].

- **O ALLAH**, do not cause any embarrassment to Your Beloved Rasul ♏, because of our sins.

- **O ALLAH**, You love to forgive, therefore forgive us.

- **O ALLAH**, if You do not forgive us, then who do sinful ones like us turn to ?

- **O ALLAH**, there is no one who can question Your Forgiveness for sinful ones like us, so forgive us.

- **O ALLAH**, if You forgive us then You will become pleased, Your Beloved Rasul ♏ will become pleased and we will become pleased. The only one who will remain displeased is Shaytaan.

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[45] *Taubah* : repentance
[46] *Ummah* : followers
[47] *Rasulullah* : Messenger of Allah
[48] ♏ : *May Allah bless him and grant him peace.'* This is mentioned after the name of the Prophet Muhammad ♏.

TAUFEEQ OF OBEDIENCE

- **O ALLAH**, we are so weak and so insincere that the slightest temptation and we return to zina, to porn magazines and porn websites, to music and to other Haraam…

- **O ALLAH**, give us that Yaqeen[49] that You are watching us[50] and that You are aware of our actions.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the courage and the strength of lions against nafs[51] and Shaytaan[52].

- **O ALLAH**, nafs and Shaytaan do not want us to taste the enjoyment and the sweetness of Imaan.

- **O ALLAH**, they do not want us to come anywhere close to You because they know that if we do, we will shun all sins.

- **O ALLAH**, remove the love of sins from our hearts.

- **O MY ALLAH**, put the hatred of sins into our hearts.

- **O ALLAH**, put the hatred of adultery and fornication; the hatred of interest and fraud; the hatred of gambling, the hatred of music and television, and the hatred of every sin into our hearts.

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49 *Yaqeen* : conviction
50 Allah Ta'ala states in the Qur'aan Sharief : **"…AND HE IS WITH YOU WHERESOEVER YOU MAY BE…"** *[Surah Hadeed 57 : 4]*
51 *nafs* : the ego
52 *Shaytaan* : Satan / the Devil

- **O ALLAH**, put the love of good deeds into our hearts.

- **O ALLAH**, put the love of Salaah[53], the love of Zikr, the love of Tilawat, the love of fasting and the love of serving mankind into our hearts.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of making Salaah, 5 times a day, in Jamaat[54], in the Musjid[55] - as far as possible, for the men; and for the women, in their homes.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of giving Zakaat, of fasting in the month of Ramadaan[56], of going for Haj, if Fardh[57].

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of fulfilling the rights of our parents, the rights of our children, the rights of our family members, the rights of our neighbours, and the rights of the Ummah of Rasulullah ﷺ.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of fulfilling the rights of Muslims and non-Muslims.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq to deal honestly in our businesses.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the realization that we have to bring the whole of Deen into our lives.

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53 *Salaah* : Prayer, performed 5 times a day.
54 *Jamaat* : congregation
55 *Musjid* : mosque
56 *Ramadaan* : Ninth month of the Islamic Calendar. Month of fasting.
57 *Fardh* : Obligatory.

- **O ALLAH**, protect us from wastage and Israaf[58].

- **O ALLAH**, protect us from abuse of Your ne'mats.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of appreciating Your Bounties.

- **O ALLAH**, give hidayat[59] to everyone.

- **O ALLAH**, we want to become Your Walis[60]. …How long are we going to remain the friends of nafs and Shaytaan ?

- **…O ALLAH**, how long are we going to walk on the earth as hypocrites…?

- **O ALLAH**, make us from among Your sincere servants.

REFORMATION AND PURIFICATION

- **O ALLAH**, our hearts have become diseased.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, just as arteries become clogged and the heart does not function properly, in the same way, our spiritual arteries have become blocked with sins.

- **O ALLAH**, when man undertakes heart transplants, then what is it difficult for You to transplant a strong and healthy spiritual heart ?

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[58] *Israaf* : extravagance
[59] *hidayat* : guidance
[60] *Walis* : Friends (of Allah Ta'ala)

- **O ALLAH**, bless us with hearts filled with the Noor[61] of Taqwa[62], with the Noor of Zikr and Tilawat and with Tawakkul[63] in You.

- **O ALLAH**, clean and purify our hearts.

- **O ALLAH**, purify our hearts of all the evil and filth that is embedded in our hearts.

- **O ALLAH**, purify our hearts of malice, of jealousy, of greed, of pride, of arrogance, of riyaa[64], of evil desires and passions.

- **O ALLAH**, bless us with complete purification of our souls.

- **O ALLAH**, man has become tired of sinning. …So tired that he is committing suicide.

- **O ALLAH**, sins have not brought us any good. …A little while of pleasure and then restlessness, pain and anxiety…

- **O ALLAH**, bring into our hearts the realization that sins bring nothing but restlessness and problems. And give us the courage to rid our lives of all evils.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq to shun sins from our lives.

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61 *Noor* : Spiritual effulgence
62 *Taqwa* : Piety
63 *Tawakkul* : Trust
64 *riyaa* : ostentation / show

- **O ALLAH**, drench us in the rains of Your Rahmat.

- **...O ALLAH**, we have foolishly put over our heads, umbrellas of sins, which are depriving us of the rains of Your Rahmat.

- **O ALLAH**, we want rahmat and barakat[65] to come into our lives, into our homes and into our businesses, but O Allah, how can it come when there is so much of Haraam preventing it.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq to throw out of our homes the televisions, the filthy magazines, the filthy and indecent novels and newspapers, and all the other evils that we have filled our homes with.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of giving up all sins.

- **O MY ALLAH**, attach us firmly to You.

- **O ALLAH**, when we stick two pages together with glue and we want to separate these pages, the pages will not separate. They will tear apart but they will not separate…

- **O ALLAH**, let us as have such a strong bond with You, that when nafs and Shaytaan want to separate us from You, then we will allow our hearts to tear, but we will not allow our hearts to separate from You.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, become ours and make us Yours.

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65 *barakaat* : blessings

- **O ALLAH**, if You are ours, then everything is ours; and if You are not ours, then nothing is ours.

BLESSINGS AND BOUNTIES

- **O ALLAH**, bless us all with long life so that we may accumulate the maximum amount of good deeds.
- **O ALLAH**, bless us with good health; bless us with prosperity; bless us with happiness; bless us with contentment; bless us with zuhd[66], with sabr[67] and shukr[68]; bless us with a life of Taqwa; bless us with Your Ma'rifat[69], bless us with Your Yaqeen…
- **O ALLAH**, bless us with Your Muhabbat[70] and the Muhabbat of Rasulullah ♏.
- **O ALLAH**, bless us with Istiqaamat[71]. Bless us with steadfastness in our Imaan.
- **O CONTROLLER OF HEARTS**, make our hearts firm on Your Deen.
- **O ALLAH**, bless us with solid Imaan. Bless us with the taufeeq of A'maal-e-Sawleha, of righteous deeds.
- **O ALLAH**, bless us with the Ittiba[72] of Rasulullah ♏.

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[66] *zuhd* : to <u>not</u> be obsessed with the material world
[67] *s̱abr* : patience
[68] *shukr* : gratitude
[69] *Ma'rifat* : Recognition
[70] *Muhabbat* : Love
[71] *Istiqaamat* : steadfastness
[72] *Ittiba* : obedience

- **O ALLAH**, grant us the taufeeq of following the Sunnats of Rasulullah ﷺ.

- **O ALLAH**, bless us with the best of Dunya[73] and the best of Aakhirah[74].

- **O ALLAH**, give us such a bond with You that nafs and Shaytaan cannot distance us from You.

- **O ALLAH**, make us the fish that swim deep down in the ocean of Your Ma'rifat.

- **O ALLAH**, grant us such love for You, that we place You before everyone and everything else.

FREEDOM FROM DEBTS

- **O MY KAREEM ALLAH**, remove the problems of those who are in financial difficulties.

- **O ALLAH**, all those who are in debts, provide for them plentiful of Halaal[75] rizq[76] so that they may get themselves out of their debts.

- **O ALLAH**, …Why should we go towards Haraam, when there is no shortage of Your Treasures of Halaal…?

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[73] *Dunya* : material world
[74] *Aakhirah* : Hereafter
[75] *Halaal* : lawful
[76] *rizq* : sustenance

- **O ALLAH**, You are our Provider; You are our Sustainer.

- **O ALLAH**, You provide for the birds; You provide for the fish deep down in the oceans; You provide for the animals in the jungles and You provide for us also…

- **O ALLAH**, then why should we steal? …Why should we get involved in fraud and embezzlement? …Why should we borrow from banks on interest[77]?

- **O ALLAH**, our homes are on interest; our carpets are on interest; our cars are on interest; our clothing is on interest; our shoes are on interest…

- **O MY ALLAH**, where can Rahmat then descend?

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, give us that realization that Rahmat cannot come until we get rid of Haraam from our lives.

- **O MY ALLAH**, bless us with plenty of Halaal rizq and sustenance, and get us out of all debts we may be in.

- **O ALLAH**, grant us barkat in our rizq and provide for us from sources unknown to us.

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[77] Interest is such a ***major*** sin in the sight of Allah Ta'ala that He declares war with that person who does not choose to give it up. **"O THOSE WHO BELIEVE FEAR ALLAH AND GIVE UP WHAT STILL REMAINS OF THE 'RIBA' (INTEREST) IF YOU ARE BELIEVERS. BUT IF YOU DO NOT, THEN LISTEN TO THE DECLARATION OF WAR FROM ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER…"** *[Surah Baqarah 2 : 278/ 279]*

CURE FROM SICKNESS

- **O ALLAH**, we are spiritually sick and we are physically sick.

- **O MY ALLAH**, so many of our brothers and sisters, and our parents are sick and ailing. They are in hospitals. Some are in nursing homes and old-age homes.

- **O ALLAH**, grant shifa[78] to those who are sick and ailing.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, shifa is in Your hands.

- **O ALLAH**, we know that there is effect in du'aa and there is effect in medication, but O Allah, shifa is in Your hands.

- **O ALLAH**, we know that sometimes sickness is a rahmat and a blessing in a disguised form, but we are extremely weak.

- **O ALLAH**, even if such sickness is a rahmat…O Allah, change it to the rahmat of good health.

- …But **O ALLAH**, we know that most of our sicknesses, depression and anxieties are because of our sins.

- **O ALLAH**, grant us shifa from all sicknesses and ailments – physical and spiritual.

[78] *shifa* : cure

- **O ALLAH**, bless us with physical health and spiritual health.

GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN

- **O ALLAH**, there are so many parents complaining that their children have become a curse for them - their children are in drugs, drink and all kinds of vices.
- **O MY ALLAH**, children are back-answering and neglecting their parents. …Children are murdering their parents; strangling their parents; kicking their parents…
- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, have mercy upon us.
- **O ALLAH**, give us the realization that we are the cause of their destruction.
- **O ALLAH**, we are the ones providing them with those sources which lead to Haraam.
- **O ALLAH**, we brought the evil television into our homes; we bring the filthy movies into our homes; we bring the filthy magazines and filthy literature into our homes. We give them everything that leads them to vice dens.
- …We do not give them Deen. We do not give them the Majaalis[79] of the Ahlullah[80]. We do not give them the Majaalis of the pious and the righteous. We do not let

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[79] *Majaalis* : gatherings
[80] *Ahlullah* : People of Allah

them sit in the Majaalis of Nasihat[81], Da'wat[82] and Ta'leem[83].

- **O ALLAH**, give us this understanding…

- **O ALLAH**, those parents whose children have landed in sins, and they are involved in drugs, drink, zina and other evils, bless them with the taufeeq of sincere taubah and repentance.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, guide all those children back onto Siratul Mustaqeem[84]. **...O ALLAH**, nothing is difficult for You.

- **O ALLAH**, make our youth, assets for our community.

DU`AA FOR OTHERS

- **O ALLAH**, those who are suffering depression, give them happiness and joy.

- **O ALLAH**, those who are poor, give them wealth.

- **O ALLAH**, those who are weak, give them strength.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, bless those who have no children, with pious and righteous children.

- **O ALLAH**, those who have children, make their children the coolness of their eyes.

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81 *Nasihat* : Advice
82 *Da'wat* : Invitation (to Deen)
83 *Ta`leem* : Teaching (of Deen)
84 *Siratul Mustaqeem* : The Straight Path

- **O ALLAH**, make their children obedient to them, and make their children obedient to You and Your Rasul[85] ♏.

- **O MY ALLAH**, remove the problems of all those who are suffering any difficulty and problem.

- **O ALLAH**, bless those brothers and sisters who are looking for marriage partners, with good and righteous marriage partners, who will be an assistance to their Deen.

- **O ALLAH**, put love between husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters.

- **O ALLAH**, unite the hearts of brothers and sisters, of parents and children, of husbands and wives, and of the entire Ummat.

FITNAHS[86]

- **O ALLAH**, fitnahs are lashing us – from our right, from our left, from behind us and from in front of us; from the satellites above us.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, protect us from the storms of fitnahs.

- **O ALLAH**, protect us from the fitnahs of this world and the next.

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[85] *Rasul* : Messenger

[86] *Fitnahs* : Trials (It also implies, corruption, mischief, etc.)

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, where do we go ? …If You do not protect us and save us, who else is there for us ?
- **O ALLAH**, to whom do we turn ? …Who is there for us beside You?
- **O ALLAH**, the fitnahs have entered our homes; the fitnahs have entered our schools and colleges; the fitnahs have entered our Muslim schools; the fitnahs have entered our bazaars and market places; the fitnahs have entered our Madaaris and Masaajid[87]; the fitnahs have entered the Haramain Sharifain[88]…
- **O MY ALLAH**, we can hear cell phones, with musical tones[89] even in front of the Raudha Mubarak[90] of Nabi ♏, and in front of the Ka'batullah…
- **O ALLAH**, filthy music can be heard a few metres away from the Raudha of my beloved Rasul ♏ …just a few metres from the mubarak[91] Dome of my beloved Rasul's ♏ resting-place…
- **O ALLAH**, protect Makkah Sharief and Madina Sharief from all fitnahs.

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[87] *Masaajid* : Mosques

[88] *Haramain Sharifain* : Holy Mosques of Makkah Sharief and Madina Sharief.

[89] Rasulullah ♏ had said : ***"My Rabb has <u>commanded</u> me to destroy all musical instruments…"*** and also : ***" Music sprouts hypocrisy in the heart as rain sprouts plants."***

[90] *Raudha Mubarak* : Blessed Garden (in reference to the blessed grave of the Prophet ♏)

[91] *mubarak* : blessed

- **O ALLAH**, protect Musjid-e-Aqsa[92].

SACRIFICES OF RASULULLAH ♏

- **O MY ALLAH**, Rasulullah's ♏ concern at all times, was nothing but the Ummat.
- **O ALLAH**, he wanted to see all enter Jannat.
- **O ALLAH**, Rasulullah ♏ made du'aa for the Ummah, day and night.
- **O ALLAH**, my beloved Nabi ♏ - how many sacrifices he made for us.
- **O ALLAH**, he used to stand the entire night in prayer, until his feet swelled.
- **O ALLAH**, filth was thrown on him, intestines were thrown on his back when he went into Sajda[93], thorns were placed in his path…
- **O ALLAH**, his beloved, little daughter, Faatima, used to ask him : '*O my father, why are they doing this to you?…*'
- **O ALLAH**, he was stoned in Taif[94], at Uhud[95]….

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[92] *Musjid-e-Aqsa* : The mosque in Jerusalem, from where the *'Me'raj* (Ascension) of the Prophet ♏ took place.

[93] *Sajda* : Prostration

[94] *Taif :* City near Makkah Sharif, in Saudi Arabia

- **O ALLAH**, he was stoned so much that his shoes became filled with his mubarak blood. He was hurt and injured at so many places.

- **O ALLAH**, when the blood of Your Beloved ﷺ, of my Beloved, of the Beloved of the Ummah, oozed… then how the angels must have witnessed that ?

…But for the sake of Your precious Deen and his love for mankind, his blood was allowed to flow…

- **O MY ALLAH**, when he went into Sajda and cried for us, the musallah[96] used to become wet with his tears…

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, my beloved Nabi ﷺ was boycotted and ostracized for three solid years with his family. …The time came when they had to chew leather to survive, when they had to chew the leaves of trees to survive…

- **O MY ALLAH**, he was *Rahmatul-lil-'Aalameen*[97]. He dearly loved this Ummat.

- **O ALLAH**, even in his last moments, there was nothing but the concern of his Ummaties[98]

- **O ALLAH**, in the Aakhirah, he will not wish to enter Jannat[99] until his Ummaties enter Jannat.

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[95] *Uhud* : In reference to the Battle of Uhud. 'Uhud' is the name of a mountain outside Madina Sharif.

[96] *musallah* : place of prayer.

[97] *Rahmatul-lil'Alameen* : Mercy for all the Worlds

[98] *Ummaties* : followers

- **O ALLAH**, for the sake of the Ummat, how much he was troubled, and how many sacrifices were made…
- **O ALLAH**, we show no appreciation for his sacrifices.
- **O ALLAH**, even his companions made so many sacrifices to convey Deen to the corners of the globe… but O Allah, we show no appreciation.

OUR INGRATITUDE

- **O ALLAH**, that Ummat, for whom so many sacrifices were made; today that Ummat is found in discos, in cinemas, in theatres, in casinos, on porn sites, reading filthy magazines and novels, watching porn movies, in adultery and fornication, in theft, in fraud, in rape and in other crimes.
- **O ALLAH**, a large number from the Ummah do not have Salaah in their lives; a large number do not have Zakaat[100], fasting and Haj[101] in their lives.
- **O ALLAH**, the beautiful cultural lifestyle that Rasulullah ♏ left for us, has been forsaken by us and by our family members.

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99 *Jannat* : Paradise
100 *Zakaat* : An obligatory duty, due upon those who have a certain amount of wealth, to give to the poor and needy. This is a pillar of Islam.
101 *Haj* : Pilgrimage to Makkah Sharief. This is the 5th Pillar of Islam. (Details of Zakaat and Haj are found in books of Jurisprudence)

- **O ALLAH**, Nabi’s ♏ teachings are no where to be seen in our homes, in our businesses and in our dealings with people.

- **O ALLAH**, when our Nabi ♏ is informed, that : *‘That Ummat for whom so much of your blood was shed; that Ummat for whom you cried so much, …that Ummat has no concern for your blood and your tears…’* **O ALLAH**, then how much of pain and injury we must be causing to Your Beloved Nabi ♏ …

- **O ALLAH**, even in his mubarak city, we do not give up sins. Just a few metres from the resting-place of Rasulullah ♏, in hotels and homes, the filthiest of films can be viewed, the filthiest magazines and newspapers can be read…

- **O ALLAH**, just a few metres from his Raudha Mubarak and a few metres from the Ka’batullah[102], in the foyers and rooms of hotels and in homes, the filthiest music can be heard, and the filthiest television programmes can be watched….

- **O ALLAH**, those very things which were hated in his sight, those very things which he disliked and abhorred,

[102] *Ka’batullah* : First house for worship (of Allah Ta’ala) on earth. It is also the present structure on the ground, and the direction in which Muslims face during Salaah.

those are the things which have become beloved in our sight…

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, the cause of Rasulullah's ♏ pain and injury in his time were the Mushrikeen[103], the Yahud[104] and the Munafiqeen[105]. O Allah, but today, we, who are the claimants of Your Ishq[106] and the Ishq of Rasulullah ♏, are the cause of pain and injury to my Beloved Rasul ♏.

- **O ALLAH**, that Ummat for whom Rasulullah ♏ shed so much of his blood, for whom the blood of the Sahabah[107] (ej)[108] was shed, that Ummat for whom so many sacrifices were made… O Allah, that Ummat has become *'Yateem'*[109].

- …There is no one to pass a hand of affection and love over their heads anymore. Even the Muslims are unconcerned about the plight of so many brothers and sisters around the world – in Kashmir, in Palestine, in Afghanistan, in Chechniya, in Kosova, in Bosnia, in Iraq and in India.

THE SUFFERING OF THE UMMAH

[103] *mushrikeen* : Polytheists
[104] *Yahud* : Jews
[105] *Munafiqeen* : Hypocrites
[106] *Ishq* : Intense love
[107] *Sahabah* : The companions of the Prophet Muhammad ♏ .
[108] ej : 'May Allah be pleased with them.' [This is said after the names of the companions of the Prophet Muhammad ♏.]
[109] '*yateem*' : 'orphaned'

- **O ALLAH**, Islam has not become weak. We have become weak.
- **O ALLAH**, we know that we are suffering because of our sins.
- **O ALLAH**, You sent the Qur`aan Sharief for our guidance.
- **O ALLAH**, Rasulullah ﷺ left us His beautiful Sunnah[110].[111]
- **O ALLAH**, we know that we have distanced ourselves from the Qur`aan and Sunnah and as a result we are suffering everywhere in the world.
- **O ALLAH**, just as Rasulullah ﷺ predicted[112], the enemies of Islam are calling one another to join in devouring the Ummah. But O Allah, You are our Protector.
- **O MY KAREEM ALLAH**, the enemies of Islam have ganged up against the Muslims. Even Muslim governments have joined their alliances and coalition.

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[110] *Sunnah* : The practice of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his noble companions رضي الله عنهم.

[111] Rasulullah ﷺ said : ***"I leave with you two things; as long as you hold fast to them both, you will never be misguided – the Kitaab (Book) of Allah and the Sunnat of His Rasul (Messenger)."***

[112] Rasulullah ﷺ has said : ***'A time will come when the enemies of Islam will invite each other, just as people are invited towards meals, in order to annihilate you."***

- **O ALLAH**, the enemies of Islam have become one and we, who are the Ummaties of Rasulullah ﷺ are becoming more and more divided and disunited.

- **O ALLAH**, we have brought more destruction upon the Ummah than even the enemies of Islam.

- **O ALLAH**, with our deeds and actions, we have been the means of the destruction of the Ummah. The enemies only came to destroy whatever was left…

- **O ALLAH**, unite the entire Ummat.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, guide the enemies of Islam. Bless them with Imaan and Islam.

- **O ALLAH**, bless them like how You blessed the Sahabah-e-Kiraam[113] and others with Imaan and Islam.

- …But, **O ALLAH**, if they have become obstinate and they have made up their minds that they are not going to accept Your beautiful Deen, and they are planning the destruction of the Muslim Ummah – the destruction of Muslim lives, homes, property and economy, then O Allah, You are the best of Planners[114].

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[113] *Sahaba-e-Kiraam (رضي الله عنهم)* : The noble companions of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

[114] **'…THEY (THE DISBELIEVERS) PLOT AND PLAN, AND ALLAH TOO PLANS, BUT THE BEST OF PLANNERS IS ALLAH.'** *[Surah Anfal 8 : 30]*

- **O ALLAH**, You are the same Allah who was present in Badr, at Uhud[115], at the Fath-e-Makkah[116]…
- **O ALLAH**, You haven't become weak. We have become weak.

- **O ALLAH**, Just as You sent the ababeel[117] and destroyed Abraha[118] and his forces, which had set out to destroy the Ka'bah Sharief…. **O ALLAH**, send disaster against these forces who are out to destroy the Ummat.
- **O ALLAH**, send floods and destroy them.
- **O ALLAH**, send gale-force winds against the enemies
- **O ALLAH**, shake the ground beneath their feet.
- **O ALLAH**, cause their ships to sink
- **O ALLAH**, cause their planes to crash.
- **O ALLAH**, create division and disunity in their ranks.
- **O ALLAH**, make them fight amongst themselves.

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[115] *Badr and Uhud* : Reference is made to the battles that took place at these sites.
[116] *Fath-e-Makkah* : The Conquest of Makkah Sharief.
[117] *Ababeeel* : Birds of a unique specie, who, with pebbles in their beaks and feet, were the means of the destruction of Abraha and his forces.
[118] *Abraha* : A Governor of Yemen who set out to destroy the Ka'bah Sharief. Allah Ta'ala destroyed him and his force. The story is related in the Holy Qur`aan in the chapter entitled 'The Elephant'.

- **O ALLAH**, fill their hearts with terror and fear.
- **O ALLAH**, humiliate the enemies. Crush the enemies.
- **O ALLAH**, destroy them like how You destroyed the 'Aad[119] and the Thamud[120].
- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, send Your angels and assist and help the mujahideen[121] of Islam.
- **O ALLAH**, give the stones which they throw, the power of atom bombs.
- **O ALLAH**, wherever in the world the Muslim Ummah is suffering, come to our assistance.
- **O ALLAH**, bombs are being rained upon innocent women, children and civilians.
- **O MY ALLAH**, homes are being bulldozed.
- **O ALLAH**, aid the Mujahideen and our brothers and sisters in Palestine, in Afghanistan, in India, in Bosnia, in Chechniya, in Kosova, in Kashmir, in Iraq and in other parts of the world where they are facing tyranny and oppression.

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119 *'Aad* : A nation of the past, who rejected the message of their Prophet, Hazrat Hud ('Alaihis Salaam) . They were a stubborn people who were finally destroyed by a fierce wind.

120 *Thamud* : A nation of the past who rejected the message of their Prophet, Hazrat Sawleh ('Alaihis Salaam). They were an unjust and proud people and were finally destroyed by an earthquake.

121 *Mujahideen* : Those striving in the path of Allah Ta'ala.

- **O ALLAH**, those who have been imprisoned unjustly, find a way out for their release.
- **O ALLAH**, their 'sin', in the eyes of these merciless enemies, is nothing except that they have tried to spread Your Deen… Their 'sin' is nothing except that they say *'La-ilaaha Illallaah'*[122].
- **O ALLAH**, remove the difficulties and trials of the Ummah.
- **O ALLAH**, we are going through very, very, difficult and trying times. It has become very difficult to even protect our Imaan.
- **O ALLAH**, protect our Imaan.
- **O ALLAH**, protect each and every one of us. Protect the entire Ummat.
- **O ALLAH**, change the conditions of adversity, to conditions of prosperity.
- **O ALLAH**, change the condition of fear, to that of peace and security.
- **O ALLAH**, change the condition of the Ummah.
- **O ALLAH**, restore the dignity and honour of the Muslim Ummah.

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[122] *La-ilaaha Illallaah* : There is none worthy of worship except Allah.

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, have mercy upon the Ummat of Nabi[123] ♏; forgive the Ummat of Nabi ♏; shower Your Rahmat upon the Ummat of Nabi ♏; overlook the sins and weaknesses and shortcomings of the Ummat of Nabi ♏.

- **OUR SUSTAINER**, lay not on us a burden greater than we have the strength to bear. Blot out our sins, and grant us forgiveness; have mercy on us. You are our Protector; help us against the disbelieving people. [124]

DEATH AND THE HEREAFTER

- **O ALLAH**, we know how sinful we are. …O Allah, do not expose our sins.

- **O ALLAH**, Out of Your Fadhl[125], Ihsaan[126] and Rahmat, You have concealed so many of our sins.

- **…O ALLAH**, don't bring upon us any kind of disgrace, in this world, in the Qabr and in the Aakhirah.

- **O ALLAH**, what an embarrassment that will be, on the Day of Qiyaamat, when, in front of billions, someone will rise committing zina, someone will rise stealing…

123 *Nabi* : Prophet
124 [Surah Baqarah 2 : 286]
125 *Fadhl* : grace
126 *Ihsaan* : favour

because a person will die as he lived, and he will rise, on the Day of Qiyaamat, as he died[127].

- **O ALLAH**, then billions of ummaties will watch and will be witness to our sins.
- **O ALLAH**, what embarrassment to Rasulullah ♏ when his ummaties will rise in the condition of sin.
- **O ALLAH**, on the Day of Qiyaamah[128], do not let us be an embarrassment to my beloved Rasul ♏.
- **O ALLAH**, what has become of the Ummat…?
- **O ALLAH**, the followers of Rasulullah ♏ used to die on the plains of Jihaad[129], they used to die while reciting the Qur`aan Sharief, or when reading the Tahajjud[130] Salaah, or in Awwabeen[131] and Chaast[132], or when making Your Zikr and Ibaadat, or in a state that was not displeasing to You and Your Rasul ♏ …
- **…O ALLAH**, his true followers never died in Haraam places. O Allah, now so many are dying in Haraam places.

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[127] The Prophet ♏ had said: ***"Your resurrection will be how you have died, and you will die in the manner you have lived."***
[128] *Day of Qiyaamah* : Day of Judgement
[129] *Jihaad* : Striving in the path of Allah Ta'ala.
[130] *Tahajjud* : the greatest of nafl (optional) prayers which is preferably performed in the latter portion of the night.
[131] *Awwabeen* : A nafl (optional) prayer, performed after the evening prayer.
[132] *Chaast* : A nafl prayer, performed in the late morning, before noon.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the realization that death can strike suddenly - anywhere, anytime, any place…
- **O ALLAH**, we have to face You. We have to stand before You; we have to answer for our deeds and actions.
- **O MY ALLAH**, …when a person is arrested, he covers his face. When he is being led to the court, he covers his face. He does not want human beings to see his face…
- **O MY ALLAH**, sinful ones like us, criminals like us… O Allah, on the Day of Qiyaamah, in front of billions of other Ummaties, don't cause any embarrassment and shame to come upon us.
- **O ALLAH**, we brag about our sins. Our men advertise their sins. Our women advertise their sins. Shame and Hayaa[133] has left us. Hayaa has left our women and our children…
- **O ALLAH**, we don't feel the slightest shame that pictures of our men and women appear in newspapers – at cinemas, in clubs, casinos and at other Haraam places and functions…
- **O ALLAH**, if Nabi ♏ had to be living amongst us and was shown such pictures, what would he have thought of us ?
- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq to realize that sins should create shame, regret and remorse in our hearts…

[133] *Hayaa* : modesty

- **O ALLAH, one day we have to die and leave this world.**
- **O ALLAH, don't let our death be in any kind of sin.**
- **O ALLAH, we don't know where, and when and how we are going to die; then how can we be engaged in sins ?**
- **O ALLAH, Don't let the angel of death visit anyone of us when we are popping drugs into our mouths, or when we have a bottle of liquor in our hands, or when we are in a casino or an escourt agency, or in adultery and fornication, or watching some filthy movie or reading a filthy novel or magazine.…**
- **O ALLAH**, what kind of embarrassment and shame our families will have to suffer, and the Ummat will have to suffer. …As it is, so many deaths are taking place in escort agencies, in prostitute quarters…
- **O ALLAH**, so many deaths are taking place in discos, cinemas, theatres and other Haraam venues.
- **O MY ALLAH**, protect us.
- **O MY ALLAH**, our souls will be extracted from every part of our bodies.

…Dust and sand will be thrown over us.

…We will be left alone.

…After we are conveyed to our graves, we will journey alone. The only thing that will be the light of our graves

will be A'maal-e-Sawleha[134].

- **O ALLAH**, the gardens of Jannat[135] will be made available for us if we have pleased You.

- **O ALLAH**, make our graves, gardens from the gardens of Jannat.

- **O ALLAH**, do not let our graves be pits from the fire of Hell.

- **O ALLAH**, we have got no capital of good deeds.

- **O ALLAH**, we have not built our home of the Aakhirat.

- **O MY ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of doing that which is pleasing to You.

- **O ALLAH**, before we leave this world, give us the taufeeq of sincere taubah.

- **O ALLAH**, we read and learn the masaa`il[136] of *mayyit*[137]. We learn the masaa`il of ghusl[138] and kafan[139]. We have given ghusl and kafan to so many. We have seen the Janazas[140] of so many. We have shouldered so many Janazas. We have buried so many with our own hands.

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[134] *A'maal-e-Sawleha* : Righteous deeds.
[135] *Jannat* : Paradise
[136] *masaa`il* : rules
[137] *mayyit* : the deceased.
[138] *ghusl* : Washing the body [of the deceased (in this context)].
[139] *Kafan* : Garments for the deceased.
[140] *Janazas* : biers.

We have seen our parents, our family members, our brothers and sisters of the Ummat leave, but it does not create any stir in our hearts.

- **O ALLAH**, we have to go the same way. …Our homes will remain behind; our buildings and businesses will remain, our beautiful cars will remain; our wives and children will remain…
- **O ALLAH**, our clothes will be removed from our bodies. …If they were tight fitting, then scissors will be used to cut through those clothes. …Rings will be removed from fingers. Watches and even false teeth will be removed…
- **O ALLAH**, our tongues which cause so much of pain and injury to people will be silenced.
- **O ALLAH**, our hands which cause so much of pain and injury will move no more.
- **O ALLAH**, our feet will move no more.
- **O ALLAH**, those eyes which enjoyed the filthy films, the filthy magazines, the filthy novels and the filthy porn sites on the Internet, will be able to see no more. Then those eyes will see the angels.

- **O MY ALLAH**, if we spent our lives indulging in sins, then the angels of Az̲aab[141] will be seen.
- **O ALLAH**, before the time of death arrives, give us the taufeeq of sincere taubah.
- **O ALLAH**, don't let us leave this world until we have become Your Walis – Your friends, and the true and sincere lovers of Rasulullah ﷺ.
- **O ALLAH**, before the ghusl of mayyit is given to us, give us the taufeeq of the ghusl of taubah.
- **O ALLAH**, and before we are given the kafan that will cover our bodies, grant us the taufeeq of putting the garment of taqwa over our hearts.
- **O ALLAH**, when the time of our death comes, take us to Madina Sharief[142], bless us with Shahadat[143] in Madina Sharief, at the Raudha[144] of my Beloved Rasul ﷺ, with *'As-'Salaatu was-Salaamu 'alaika, ya Rasulullah'*[145]- on our lips.

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[141] *Az̲aab* : punishment

[142] *Sharif* : sacred

[143] *Shahadat* : martyrdom

[144] *Raudha* : garden. (This is in reference to the noble Prophet's ﷺ grave)

[145] *'As-'Salaatu was-Salaamu 'alaika ya-Rasulullah.'* means : Mercy and peace be upon you, O Messenger of Allah (This is a form of greeting the Noble Prophet ﷺ when visiting his grave in Madina Sharief).

- **O ALLAH**, let our burial be in Jannatul Baqi[146] and if this is not in our muqaddar[147], then O Allah, let our death be a death of barkat[148].

- **O ALLAH**, we are asking for death in Madina Sharief and burial in Jannatul Baqi so that when the winds of Rahmat blow over Jannatul Baqi then we too may be forgiven.

- **O ALLAH**, at the time of our death, show us some Tajalli[149] of Yours, such that our souls come dancing towards You.

- **O ALLAH**, at the time of our death, let the Kalima[150] *'La-ilaaha Illallaah'*[151] be on our tongues[152].

- **O ALLAH**, we seek Your protection from the fitnahs of this world, the fitnahs of the Qabr[153] and the fitnahs of Jahannum.

- **O ALLAH**, let us cross the pul-siraat[154] at the speed of lightening.

- **O ALLAH**, grant us Jannat without any reckoning.

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[146] *Jannatul Baqi* : Graveyard of Madina Sharief.
[147] *muqaddar* : fate
[148] *barkat* : blessing
[149] *Tajalli* : Special Mercy
[150] *Kalima* : Declaration of the Oneness of Allah Ta'ala
[151] *'La-ilaaha-Illallaah.'*: 'There is none worthy of Worship, except Allah.'
[152] It is stated in the Ahadith that ***he, whose final speech is 'La-ilaaha Illallaah' [There is none worthy of worship, except Allah], will enter Jannat [Paradise].***
[153] *qabr* : grave
[154] *pul-siraat* : The bridge across the fire of Hell.

- **O ALLAH**, enter us into Jannat in the company of Rasulullah ﷺ, the Sahaba-e-Kiraam and all the righteous ones who followed them.
- **O ALLAH**, grant all those who have passed away Your Forgiveness and fill their graves with noor.
- **O ALLAH**, bless our parents, wives, children, brothers and sisters and all Muslims who have passed away, with Jannatul Firdaus[155].

DU'AA OF RASULULLAH ﷺ

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, Nabi ﷺ made du'aa for the Ummat his entire life….
- **O ALLAH**, especially in Hajjatul Widaa[156]…with his 124 000 glorious companions…
- **O ALLAH**, how much Your Beloved Nabi ﷺ cried; that sinless Nabi…
- **…O ALLAH**, for whom did he cry ? …His Ihraam[157] became wet with his tears…
- **O ALLAH**, the duas he made when attached to the Multazam[158], the duas he made in the Hateem[159], the duas

155 *Jannatul Firdaus* : The highest level of Paradise.
156 *Hajjatul Widaa* : The Farewell Haj (of the Noble Prophet ﷺ .)
157 *Ihraam* : Reference to Rasulullah's ﷺ clothing, consisting of two sheets, worn with the *niyyat* (intention) of Haj.
158 *Multazam* : Area between the elevated door and the Hajre-Aswad (Black stone)

that he made under the Meezaabur Rahmah[160], the duas he made after performing Salaah behind the Maqaam-e-Ibraheem[161]…

- **O MY ALLAH**, the duas he made after drinking Zam Zam[162], …the duas which he made on Safa and Marwa[163], the duas he made at Arafat[164] – from Zuhr[165] till Maghrib[166], then the duas that he made at Mina and Muzdalifa[167]...

- **...O ALLAH**, all the duas of goodness, which he made for us, bless us with that goodness, bless our parents with that goodness, bless our wives and children with that goodness, bless the entire Ummat with that goodness.

- **O ALLAH**, protect us, our wives, children and families and the entire Ummah of Nabi ﷺ, from all the fitnahs, mischief and corruption he asked protection from – especially the fitnah of Dajjaal[168].

SERVICES RENDERED OF DEEN

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159 *Hateem* : Semi circle enclosure, which is part of the Ka'bah Sharief
160 *Meezaabur Rahmah* : Waterspout of the Ka'bah Sharif, in the Hateem area.
161 *Maqaam-e-Ibraheem* : Place where the stone on which Hazrat Ibraheem ('Alaihis Salaam) stood, when building the Ka'bah Sharief, is kept.
162 *Zam-Zam* : Sacred water from a well near the Ka'bah in Makkah Sharief.
163 *Safa and Marwa* : Two hills adjoining the Ka'bah in Makkah Sharief.
164 *Arafat* : A specific place visited during the Pilgrimage.
165 *Zuhr* : Prayer performed after the sun has passed the meridian.
166 *Maghrib* : Prayer performed immediately after sunset.
167 *Mina and Muzdalifa* : Specific places to visit during the Pilgrimage.
168 *Dajjaal* : the False Messiah, otherwise called 'the Anti-Christ'

- **O ALLAH**, accept all the works of Deen; accept all the works of Haq.
- **O ALLAH**, whosoever is doing the work of Deen, as long as it is within the parametres of the Qur`aan and Sunnah… O Allah, bless each and every worker with Ikhlaas and accept their services to Deen.
- **O ALLAH**, accept the effort of Tabligh[169], of Da`wat[170], of the Madaaris[171], Makaatib[172], Daarul Ulooms[173], Masaajid[174], and Khanqas[175].
- **O ALLAH**, accept the efforts made by the Mashaa`ik[176] .
- **O ALLAH**, accept the services to humanity, of those who are rendering welfare.

SPIRITUAL BOUNTIES

- **O ALLAH**, change the condition of our hearts. Fill our hearts with Noor[177]; fill our hearts with the Love of this Deen.

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169 *Tabligh* : propagation
170 *Da'wat* : Invitation (to Deen)
171 *Madaaris* : Religious institutions.
172 *Makaatib* : Primary madaaris
173 *Daarul Ulooms* : Religious Institutions for higher learning
174 *Masaajid* : mosques.
175 *Khanqa* : Place for reformation and spiritual purification.
176 *Mashaa`ik* : Spiritual mentors and guides.
177 *Noor* : Spiritual effulgence

- **O ALLAH**, fill our hearts with the noor of Taqwa; fill our hearts with the noor of the tilawat[178] of the Qur`aan Sharief, of Zikr and Ibaadat, of Haj[179] and 'Umrah[180], of Da'wat and Tabligh and of charities.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the taufeeq of doing all Ibaadat with Ikhlaas[181].

- **O ALLAH**, with the noor that is generated from these Ibaadaat, light up our hearts.

- **O ALLAH**, strengthen our Imaan[182].

- **O ALLAH**, grant us such Imaan, which clings to our hearts.

- **O ALLAH**, make us all pious and righteous.

- **O ALLAH**, grant us Your Qurb[183].

- **O ALLAH**, with Your power of Jazb[184] make us Yours.

- **O ALLAH**, we want the hearts that You give to the Auliya-e-Siddiqeen[185].

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[178] *tilawat* : recitation
[179] *Haj* : Pilgrimage to Makkah Sharief in the month of Zul Hijjah.
[180] *'Umrah* : The lesser pilgrimage
[181] *Ikhlaas* : sincerity
[182] *Imaan* : faith / belief
[183] *Qurb* : proximity
[184] *Jazb* : Pull towards Allah Ta'ala
[185] *Auliya-e-Siddiqeen* : The Friends of Allah Ta'ala of a very high calibre

- **O ALLAH**, bless us with the ne'mat that You give to Your Auliyaa-e-Siddiqeen.

- **O ALLAH**, we want those hearts which are filled with Noor and Your Tajalli[186].

- **O ALLAH**, we want those hearts which are filled with Your Love and the Love of Rasulullah[187] ﷺ; so that it may be easy to do that which is pleasing to You and pleasing to Rasulullah ﷺ.

CONCLUSION OF DU'AA

- **O ALLAH**, we are extremely weak. We get tired of everything, even asking.

- **O ALLAH**, bless us with what we have asked and give us even that which we have not asked – whatever is khair[188].

- **O ALLAH**, let the winds of Hidayat blow throughout the world, especially in this country.

- **O ALLAH**, whatever time of life remains, give us the taufeeq of doing those deeds that will earn us Your Pleasure and keep us away from all those deeds that will earn us Your Displeasure.

186 *Tajalli* : Special mercy
187 *Rasulullah* : Messenger of Allah
188 *khair* : good

- **O ALLAH**, we know that the types of sins we indulge in, have brought complete destruction to the nations of the past. You destroyed nations in the past for the same sins we are indulging in.

- **O ALLAH**, You do not destroy the entire Ummat because Your Rasul ﷺ is *Rahmatul-lil-'Aalameen.*[189]

- **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, do not look at our sins. We are acknowledging and we are confessing that we are sinful…

- **O ALLAH**, look at the tears of my beloved Rasul ﷺ.

- **O ALLAH**, look at the shaan[190] of the blood of my beloved Nabi ﷺ which flowed for this Ummat.

- **O ALLAH**, if You forgive us then You will make my beloved Rasul ﷺ happy, and we will be happy.

- **O ALLAH**, we are pledging not to return to sins again.

- **O ALLAH**, give us all, lives of respect.

- **O ALLAH**, give us the realization that without turning to You, there will be no success.

- **O ALLAH**, whoever has shown any kind of generosity and kindness to us, bless them with the best of rewards.

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[189] *Rahmatul-lil'Alameen* : Mercy for all the Worlds
[190] *shaan* : condition / status

- **O ALLAH**, Rasulullah ♏ has shown the greatest kindness, thereafter the Sahaba-e-Kiraam, the Tabi`een[191], our Asaatiza[192], our Mashaa`ik, our parents, wives, friends… O Allah, reward them all, with the best of rewards.

- **O ALLAH**, you are well aware of each and every person's desires. Whatever good desires are in their hearts, fulfill them.

- **O ALLAH**, accept our du'aa with the waseela of Your Beloved Rasul, Sayyedul Ambiyaa, Muhammad ♏.

"VERILY, ALLAH AND HIS ANGELS SEND BLESSINGS ON THE PROPHET : O YOU WHO BELIEVE, SEND (YOU) BLESSINGS ON HIM AND SALUTE HIM WITH ALL RESPECT."[193]

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[191] *Tabi`een* : Successors of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad ♏ .
[192] *Asaatiza* : teachers
[193] [Surah Ahzaab 33 : 56]

O Allah, shower Your Mercy upon our master, Muhammad and upon the family of our master, Muhammad, and blessings and peace (upon him).

" GLORY TO YOUR LORD, THE LORD OF HONOUR AND POWER. (HE IS FREE) FROM WHAT THEY ASCRIBE (TO HIM). AND PEACE ON THE APOSTLES. AND PRAISE TO ALLAH, THE LORD AND CHERISHER OF THE WORLDS. "[194]

194 [Surah Saffaat 37 : 180/ 181/ 182]

THE ACCEPTANCE OF DUA

"AND YOUR LORD SAYS : CALL ON ME;
I WILL ANSWER YOUR (DUA)..."

[Surah Mu`min 40 : 60]

One of the signs of gaining the *Ma'rifat* (Recognition) of Allah Ta'ala is to be granted the *taufeeq* of du'aa.

Duas made sincerely, fulfilling the necessary conditions, are always accepted. However, Allah Ta'ala, in His Wisdom, answers duas in different ways.

Nabi ♏ has said :

"Any Muslim who makes a dua and his dua does not contain a request for anything sinful or anything regarding the severance of family ties, Allah grants him one of three things most assuredly; namely,

1.) What he has asked is granted immediately, or

2.) What he has asked is saved for him as a treasure in the Aakhirah, or

3.) Allah wards away some calamity from him in lieu of the object asked for.”

…You should therefore not feel that your duas are rejected.

[FROM THE MALFOOZAAT OF HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (MZ)]

INSINCERITY

[FROM THE MALFOOZAAT OF HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (MZ)]

A person wants to go to Johannesburg but he sits in a train or a plane bound for Cape Town, fully aware that the train or plane is headed for Cape Town. He then makes dua that Allah Ta’ala takes him to Johannesburg. He will not reach Johannesburg.

THE LINE OF HIS DUA WAS NOT IN LINE WITH HIS EFFORT.

Our foolishness is the same. Our tongues are making du’aa in one direction and our entire bodies are going in the opposite direction. And then we ask as to why our duas are not answered…

FOR EXAMPLE : There are so many parents that request du’aa from the pious, for the *hidayat* (guidance) of their children. They complain that their children are disobedient and abusive, or involved in illicit relationships, drugs, alcohol, and all kinds of Haraam.

These parents say that they are making so much of du'aa and shedding so many tears over the condition of their children, and they request more du'aa.

However, a cursory glance in their homes, and one will find that those same parents, who are making so much of du'aa and shedding so many tears, are the ones providing so much of Haraam – in the form of the television, music, Haraam video games, indecent, shameless newspapers, magazines and novels, access to the Internet porn sites, etc. – all of which introduce and influence to *Fisq* (sin) and *Fujur* (immorality).

…Moreover, many of these parents are the personal chauffeurs of their children : willingly taking them to the cinemas, theatres, to clubs and other places of fitnah.

Rasulullah ♏ had said : '***Every child is born in a natural state of goodness. It is his parents who make him into a Jew, Christian or Magian[195]."***

…It is left for us to see what we have made our children.

Furthermore, these children are allowed to do as they please. They are given liberties to keep any person's company, no matter how bad the company may be; which is another means of their destruction – persuading them to do drugs, take alcohol, visit prostitutes, gamble, steal, etc.

Nabi ♏ has said:

[195] *Magian* : fire worshipper

"A person is on the Deen (way of life) of his friend so everyone of you should look at who he befriends."

It is also the responsibility of parents to direct their children to good and pious company, and strongly discourage bad company.

Allah Ta'ala tells us :

"O PEOPLE OF IMAAN, SAVE YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES FROM A FIRE WHOSE FUEL IS MEN AND STONES…"

[SURAH AT-TAHREEM 66 : 6]

It is an injunction of the Qur`aan Sharief that we make a very concerted effort to direct our children to the obedience of Allah Ta'ala. With teaching them *Aqaa-id*[196], *Qur`aan, Fiqh*[197], *Sunnats*[198] and other necessary tenets of Islam which form their *Tarbiyyah* (the correct upbringing) accompanied by du'aa, *Insha-Allah*[199], this will be the means of their *Hidayat* (guidance) and *Istiqaamat* (steadfastness).

In the *Tafseer* (commentary) of this *Ayat* (verse), Hazrat Ali (ϵϒ) had stated : *"Teach your family acts of virtue."*

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196 *Aqaa`id* : Correct beliefs
197 *Fiqh* : Jurisprudence
198 *Sunnats* : Practices of the Prophet Muhammad ♏ and his noble companions ϵϒ.
199 *Insha-Allah* : Allah Willing

Rasulullah ♏ said : ***"Each one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock…A man is a ruler in his family, and he will be questioned about those under his care. A woman is a ruler in the house of her husband and she will be questioned about those under her care…"***

…Reflecting over all of this, such parents should question the sincerity of their du'aa. *Where is the correct effort that should accompany such duas and tears ?*

Hazrat Maulana 'Umar (*Rahmatullah 'alaih*) of Palanpur, in India, used to say that we have a small piece of flesh known as the tongue; which is making du'aa… a great deal of time is sometimes spent in du'aa; but the entire body, which is by far, weightier than that little tongue, is going in a very different direction. …How then does a person expect his duas to be answered ?

NON ACCEPTANCE...

Hazrat Abu Hurairah (ϱΥ) reported that Rasulullah ♏ said :

"Certainly Allah is Pure. He does not accept but pure, and certainly Allah commanded the Believers to do that which He commanded the Messengers (of Allah) to do. So He said :

'O MESSENGERS, EAT OUT OF THE GOOD (HALAAL AND WHOLESOME) THINGS AND PERFORM RIGHTEOUS DEEDS.'[200]

and similarly Allah Ta'ala said :

'O YOU WHO BELIEVE, EAT OUT OF THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE GIVEN YOU.'[201]

Then he (Rasulullah ♏) mentioned a person who undertakes a long journey, his hair is disheveled, and his body covered with dust. He raises his hands towards the sky and says *:'O my Sustainer, O my Sustainer',*

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[200] Surah *Mu`minoon* (The Believers) : Chapter 23, Verse 51
[201] Surah *Baqarah* (The Heifer) : Chapter 2, Verse 172

whereas the food that he eats is haraam (from unlawful earnings); the clothes he wears is Haraam; and he has been nourished with haraam (food). How then will his du'aa be accepted ?"

Rasulullah ﷺ said : ***"The meat and blood that has been nourished with Haraam wealth will not enter Jannah. It is only suitable for Jahannum[202]."***

- If a person *sincerely* repents from Haraam; returning what was usurped, repaying that which is rightfully due, giving up that which draws haraam income (gambling, interest, embezzlement, etc.), and giving up Haraam food and drink, then his duas will thereafter be accepted and he will gain salvation from Jahannum. *Insha-Allah.*

[EXTRACT FROM *'Kicking the Habit'*
BY HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (MZ)]

[202] *Jahannum* : Hellfire

THE NAMES OF ALLAH

"THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES BELONG TO ALLAH: SO CALL ON HIM BY THEM..."

[SURAH AL A'RAAF 7 : 180]

"SAY : 'CALL UPON ALLAH, OR CALL UPON RAHMAN : BY WHATEVER NAME YOU CALL UPON HIM, (IT IS WELL) : FOR TO HIM BELONG THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES ..."

[SURAH BANI ISRA`EEL 17 : 110]

- We have been instructed to learn the *Asmaa'ul Husna* (The Beautiful Names of Allah Ta'ala) and make du'aa through the medium of these names. Calling upon Allah Ta'ala by His Names facilitates the acceptance of du'aa.

- Rasulullah ♏ once heard a person calling Allah by this Great name of His :

'Ya Zal-Jalaali wal-Ikraam'

[O POSSESSOR OF MAJESTY AND BENEVOLENCE.]

Rasulullah ♏ remarked : ***"Surely your duas will be***

granted. Ask of Allah whatever you wish."

- According to one Hadith, an angel is appointed by Allah so that whenever someone says the following words thrice, he (the angel) responds by saying : *'No doubt, The Most Merciful has focussed all His attention towards you. Ask of Him whatever you please.'* …These words are :

'Ya Ar-ha-mar-Raahemeen'

[O MOST MERCIFUL OF ALL THOSE WHO SHOW MERCY.]

THE 99 NAMES OF ALLAH TA'ALA

DUROOD SHARIEF[203]

Hazrat Anas (ℯɼ) said : ***'Every dua is prevented from reaching the Court of Allah until the person making dua sends Durood upon Rasulullah ♏ and upon the family of Rasulullah ♏*** *(then it reaches the Court of Allah and is accepted.'*

Hazrat 'Umar (ℯɼ) said : ***'Surely dua remains suspended between the heaven and earth. It does not ascend and nothing is accepted until you send Salawaat upon your Prophet ♏ .'***

- *Any Durood Sharief may be recited for the acceptance of Du'aa. There are numerous found in authentic books of Hadith.*

[203] *Durood Sharief* : Seeking Allah Ta'ala's blessings upon the Prophet ♏ .

O Allah, shower Your Mercy upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad as You showered Your Mercy upon the family of Ibraheem. Surely, You are The Praiseworthy, The Majestic.

O Allah, send blessings upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad as You had sent blessings upon the family of Ibraheem. Surely, You are The Praiseworthy, The Majestic.

O Allah, bestow Mercy upon Muhammad and upon his wives and his progeny as You had bestowed Mercy upon the family of Ibraheem.

And send blessings upon Muhammad and upon his wives and his progeny as You had sent blessings upon the family of Ibraheem. Surely, You are Praiseworthy, The Majestic.

SINCERE TAUBAH

"AND WHOEVER ACTS EVIL OR WRONGS HIMSELF, THEN SEEKS FORGIVENESS FROM ALLAH, SHALL FIND ALLAH MOST-FORGIVING, VERY MERCIFUL."

[SURAH AN-NISAA 4 : 110][204]

In the *Tafseer* (commentary) of this ayat (verse), the *Mufassireen* (Commentators of the Qur`aan Sharief) have explained that Allah Ta'ala makes known to us, the recourse for sins : *Taubah* (repentance).

Whatever the sins committed – be they major or minor, violations of the Rights of Allah Ta'ala (*Huququllah*) or the rights of human beings (*Huququl Ibaad*), sincere Taubah (repentance) will secure for one, Divine forgiveness.

However, we need to understand that taubah is not merely a verbal announcement and confession of: *Astaghfirullah* (I seek Allah's forgiveness). The *validity* and *acceptance* of Taubah is dependent on certain accompanying conditions.

The 'Ulama have stated the following 3 necessary segments which complete one's Taubah :

1.) Being ashamed and grieved over one's sins.

[204] *An-Nisaa* : The Women [The name of a chapter of the Holy Qur`aan]

2.) Leaving off the sin, immediately.
3.) Having no intention to commit the sin again.

If, perchance, one finds oneself entangled in sin thereafter, taubah should be made once more and forgiveness should be sought. …Allah Ta'ala forgives all sins.

However, even though Allah Ta'ala is Most Merciful, Forgiving, Kind and Compassionate, we should not lose sight of and forget His punishment for those who are persistent in sin. Often, many continue in their indulgence in sins, presenting the argument that Allah Ta'ala is *Ghafurur - Raheem (Most Forgiving, Most Merciful).*

One of the deceptions of Shaytaan is that he persuades and encourages a person to sins with this very excuse that Allah Ta'ala is *Ghafurur-Raheem*. This leads to indifference to the laws of Shariah and even deliberate disobedience.

Therefore, Allah Ta'ala warns us in the Qur`aan Sharief against such an attitude, saying :

"…Let not the deceiver (i.e. Shaytaan) beguile you in regard to Allah."

[SURAH LUQMAAN 31 : 33][205]

…Do not be fooled and misled by Shaytaan to commit sins because Allah Ta'ala is *Most Forgiving* and *Most Merciful*.

[205] *Luqman* : (The Wise) [The name of a chapter of the Holy Qur`aan]

Allah Ta'ala mentions in Surah Ta-Ha :

"And verily, I am indeed Forgiving to him who repents, believes (in My Oneness, and associates none in worship with Me) and does righteous good deeds, and then remains constant in doing them (till death)."

[SURAH TA-HA 20 : 82][206]

Allah Ta'ala is informing us that His Forgiveness extends to those who make **sincere** *Taubah* and *Istighfaar*, believe in Allah Ta'ala, do *Amal-e-Sawleh* (righteous deeds and actions) and remain steadfast thereon. …Allah Ta'ala is *Ghafurur-Raheem* for those who are afraid of displeasing Him. However, being human, they *accidentally* sin.

We should keep in mind, that even though Allah Ta'ala is *Ghafurur-Raheem*, He is also *Muntaqim* – One who takes Retribution. Out of His kindness, Allah Ta'ala gives to us numerous opportunities to make amends and return to His Obedience. If we still persist and insist on sin, and we are bent on disobedience, then His Punishment is something that cannot be escaped.

Allah Ta'ala states in the Qur`aan Sharief :

[206] *Ta Ha* : (Mystic Letters) [The name of a chapter of the Holy Qur`aan]

'…But verily your Lord is full of forgiveness for mankind for their wrongdoing. And verily your Lord is (also) strict in punishment.'

[SURAH RA'D 13 : 6]

…*Taubah* and *Istighfaar* are like the ointment used for burns, which we keep in our homes. Even though we have a remedy for burns, we will not deliberately burn ourselves.

[FROM A DISCOURSE OF
HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (MZ)]

'IMMEDIATE WILAYAT'[207]

"...VERILY ALLAH LOVES THOSE WHO REPENT..."
[SURAH BAQARAH 2 : 222]

A young person, after listening to a talk, experienced a revolution in his heart. He asked me : *"With my past, with the sins in my life, how is it possible for me to become a Wali[208] ?"*

I said : *"It is extremely simple. It takes just one minute to become a Wali. Raise your hands and with deep regret and remorse in your heart, shed a few tears and pray to Allah : 'O Allah, I have wasted my life, but I want to become Your Wali; I want to become Your friend. So forgive all the sins which I have committed since maturity, and grant me the taufeeq to do that which pleases You in my future life.'*

You have immediately become a Wali. Now make an effort towards fulfilling those rights which had been violated. The effort made indicates to the sincerity of your Taubah."

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[207] *Wilayat* : Friendship with Allah Ta'ala
[208] *Wali* : Friend of Allah Ta'ala

If Salaah and Fasts were missed then Qaza must necessarily be made. If *Zakaat, Qurbaani* and *Sadaqatul Fitr* were not fulfilled then such monies must necessarily be paid. The same applies to monies that are owing to people. Pay back to whomsoever, what is due, or ask them to forgive. If not, then that Taubah will not be complete. And if harm and injury was caused to another, then his forgiveness should be sought.

If there are a number of outstanding Salaah or fasts due, then it is obvious that a person cannot read all the Qazas[209] in one day, or keep all his missed fasts in one day. This will take due time. However, the intention of the person, to fulfil all dues of Allah Ta'ala and Creation, and the effort made in that direction makes the person a friend and beloved of Allah Ta'ala.

If he does not make any effort in that direction after Taubah, then this is a clear sign that he was not sincere in his Taubah.

Also, in respect to his future life, every effort should be made not to return to those sins

[EXTRACT FROM THE BOOK, 'IKHLAAS' BY HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (MZ)]

[209] *Qaza* : Religious duty performed after the expiry of its time.

SOME ETIQUETTES OF DU’AA

- It is preferable to perform a good deed before making du’aa.
- To be in a state of *Taharat* (purity).
- Face the Qiblah[210].
- Preferably perform *Salaatul Hajaat* before du’aa.
- Sit in the *Tashahud* position,[211] as far as possible.
- Praise and glorify Allah Ta’ala before and after du’aa.
- Recite Durood Sharif upon Rasulullah ♏.
- Raise both hands whilst making du’aa.
- The palms should be kept open, leaving a little space between the hands.
- Du’aa should be made with absolute humility – acknowledging one’s helplessness.
- Du’aa should be made through the intermediary of Allah Ta’ala’s beautiful names.
- Not to make du’aa for anything sinful or for the severance of family ties.
- To cry whilst making du’aa.
- On completion of du’aa, pass the hands over the face.
- To say *‘Aameen’* on completion of the du’aa.
- One’s concentration should be in du’aa.
- Du’aa should be made with conviction of its acceptance and with sincerity.

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[210] *Qiblah* : Direction faced when performing the prayer.
[211] *Tashahud position* : Position assumed when sitting in prayer

AT THE AIRPORT

[A PIECE OF ADVICE FROM
HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (MZ)]

At the Johannesburg International Airport, some brothers requested that I give them some *nasihah* (advice) before leaving.

I mentioned the following : 'The Airport itself presents sufficient *Ibrat* (lesson) for a person's *Islaah* (reformation).

Boards are seen, computer screens inform, and announcements are repeatedly heard of **ARRIVALS** and **DEPARTURES** . We should take lesson from this.

We have *'arrived'*. Our scheduled ***arrival*** to the destination of this world has come to pass. We have journeyed from *Aalame-Arwah*[212] to this transitory world. Our next journey is to *'Aalame-Barzakh'*[213], then to the Hereafter.

In this material world, the time of departure is given for the flights that are leaving for various cities and countries. A person can make preparations for travel, accordingly. As is common experience though, flights are sometimes delayed and sometimes cancelled.

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212 *Aalame-Arwah* : The World of Souls
213 *Aalame-Barzakh* : The period of life after death until the Resurrection

Our departure, to the *Aakhirah* (Hereafter), is scheduled, but absolutely unknown to us. Moreover, the departure of the flight of death will not be delayed or cancelled.

In a couplet that deeply impresses upon the reality of this life, my Sheikh, Hazrat Maulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Saheb, states:

Strange is the visa of life;
It can be cancelled at anytime.
The duration of its validity is unknown
And its extension too, impossible.

Therefore, like the 'Eveready' battery (which is not necessarily ever ready), we need to be ever ready for the journey to the Hereafter. Our boarding passes are already in our hands. It is just a matter of time before departure.

The Azaan, in our right ear, and the Iqaamat, in our left ear, were already given at the time of our birth. All that is left, is the Janaza Salaah at the time of our death. The time between the Iqaamat and Salaah is negligible – so too, is the time span of our lives.

As someone has mentioned : Our life is just like the ***'dash'*** between the date of birth and date of passing away, which is inscribed on many a tombstone. Though this 'dash' of life is so short, it is such a significant stage in our journey, that it either *'makes'* or *'breaks'* our Hereafter. This little dash either delivers a person to Jannat or Jahannum. So before someone mentions the

date of our departure, we should convert the 'dash' of life, to time spent securing provisions for the coming journey.

Then I mentioned that now two new boards are to be found at the airport:

UNDERGROUND PARKING

and

PRAYER ROOM UPSTAIRS

Our *'parking'* too is reserved. …What then should we do? Before *'departure'* and before being *'parked'* under the ground, we should visit the *'prayer room'* – meaning, that we should bring the submission and servitude found in prayer or Salaah, into our lives. Submit to the One who gave us this life because very soon will we be returning to Him.

"…And the destination (of all) is to Allah."

[SURAH AHZAAB 35 : 18]

This world is very much like a timeshare. The occupants make full use of all facilities during their week/s or month/s – the lounge, fridge, stove, furniture, air conditioner and the luxuries of the timeshare. However, they know that they will have to move out as soon as their time expires.

Similarly, we should make use of the bounties of Allah Ta'ala in this world, but we should not give our hearts to this world. …How can we give our hearts to a world which is so unfaithful ? …The home in which there is excitement and celebration of a wedding is suddenly plunged into grief, sorrow and mourning.

We should keep before us, the following Hadith of Rasulullah ♏ : *"Verily, the world has been created for you* ***and you have been created for the Aakhirah."***

Preparation for the *Aakhirah* (Hereafter) does not mean that we will be deprived of the good things of this world. Eat, drink, marry, conduct business and do all other activities according to the teachings of Shariah and Sunnah of Rasulullah ♏. This is all that is required.